

















LATEST INTELLIGENCE

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**THE EASTERN QUESTION.**  
LONDON, DECEMBER 11.  
The full Conference of the European States will meet again at Stamboul next week.

A despatch has been received by the English Government, from a village on Danube, to the effect that Russian agents inciting the Bulgarians to send a deputation to Stamboul to solicit a Russian occupation of their province.

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**MUDGEJEE.**  
Mos. \* Christopher M'Anally, the prisoner who was treated by constable Breen, of Coolah, has lodged in Mudgee gaol. Medical examination has shown that, besides being badly bruised, his arms are broken.

The weather has been intensely hot during the past week. It is cooler to-day.

**WALGETT.**  
Mos. The heat here is something frightful. On the 4th thermometer, in the shade, registered 8 a.m.; it was the same at 7 p.m. During the day it reached 165° in the sun and 124° in the shade.

**WENTWORTH.**  
Mos. The first pole of the telegraph line from Wentworth to the Queensland border, via Bourke, was to-day by Mr. William Crozier, deputy-secretary of the telegraph department, in the presence of the leading residents of the town with the usual honours. A champagne luncheon was given, and considerable interest taken in the proceedings. The contractors are energetic, and to complete the line within contract time.

**BRISBANE.**  
Mos. At the Northern Assizes, Cooktown, charged with murder, was found not guilty on grounds of insanity, and ordered to be detained in her Majesty's pleasure.

Arthur Brown, whilst engaged surveying Plains, was struck with lightning when returning to camp, fell from his horse and dislocated his neck.

Hodgkinson's exploration party has arrived at Townsville. It reports the discovery of a new goldfield near the Cloncurry mines at Leichardt River.

The Florence Irving brings 20,000 tons of iron from Town and Townsville.

Sailors.—Eden Holme & Co. London.

The wind is blowing strong from the south-east. The weather is unsettled, and like rain.

**MELBOURNE.**  
Mos. In the divorce case, Kerr v. Kerr, a decree was granted against the wife.

The Supreme Court has granted a new trial in the case of the *Eden*.

The defaulting rate collector Kinney has been arrested for trial for embezzlement.

The Legislative Council to-day is discussing Publicans' Bill.

At least the Melbourne Cricket Association will have settled their differences satisfactorily. The Association meets to-morrow to decide on number to play against the All-England team, select them. The match committee has selected sixteen players, but the team is not yet complete or final:—Allan, Alexander, Ham, Cook, Kemp, Gagan, Gibson, J. H. Horan, Hastings, Keppel, Kelly, Laughnan, winter, Newing, and Woolf.

A sale of 200 bales of comsacks took place at 8s.

Sugars are very firm at an advance.

New wheat is quoted at 5s. 9jd..

Great complaints are made of scarcity of labour;—as much as 15s. per day and keep given.

ARRIVED.—Bathrahol (s.), from Sydney.

SAILING.—City of Adelaide (s.), for Sydney.

The weather is beautifully fine.

**QUEENSLIFF.**

**ARRIVED.**—Eunice, three-masted schooner from Foo Chow.

**SAILED.**—At 6 p.m., City of Adelaide, for S at 7.30 p.m., You Yangs (s.), for Sydney.

**ADELAIDE.**

**The memorial for the release of Villeneuve** was presented on Saturday.

The jury was unable to agree at the inquest held at Elder's stables. The groom 1 boy afterwards arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the lad's death.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Angus have given £500 to Children's Hospital.

The P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Bangalore left G. p.m. on the 16th instant.

Wheat quiet; old is selling at 5s. 3d.; new at 6s. 1d.

**IMPORTANT TO SEARAKERS.**—At the meet Police Court (reports the *Armidale*), three shearers engaged by Mr. G. L. Gibson, of that gentleman for wages, under the said, and the three complainants, who agreed to shear Mr. Gibson's sheep at 2s.

more; after working for five days, the whole staff struck for 3s. per score, which demand Mr. Knight refused to comply with. The company knocked off altogether, but the others resumed work. The complainants then summoned Mr. Knight for the work they had done during the five days' stoppage of music to comply with. The company, however, the men hang no more. The company completed their contract, and such agreements as Masters and Servants' Act being equally whether verbal or in writing.

**ACCIDENT AT CRICKET.**—The *Western Echo* states that Mr. Knight met with an accident at a cricket match, practised by the band from the ground, which was a very heavy and Knight on the arm, breaking the small bone of the hand.

**A VERY OLD PIANO.**—Among the musical instruments at the Philadelphia Exhibition is a piano of the country's *Antiquarian Musical World* says is beyond a doubt the oldest of its kind in existence in our country; at least we have not heard of one of greater age. We first noticed it, 1870, while visiting the store of our friend, the proprietor of an antique shop. Observing at the approximate age of the instrument, we made every effort to learn something concerning its history. The facts were obtained only a few days ago. The following are the records and paper original of the piano, the Dickert family, and after requesting the present owner, the Female College at Bethlehem, Pa., to

the records of the institutions mentioned above, the diligent inquiry of the town of Lancaster, we learned that the instrument (clavichord) was brought to Lancaster, Pa., it belonged to the Dickert family. An aged man remembered that the instrument attained its present form about 1700, and that it was brought over the window to hear its sound. We then learned that the instrument was probably brought over by Moravians, who came with Count Zinzendorf in 1741. The old raft came into the possession of the Moravians in 1741, and was sold to the present owner, Mr. John Kevalnik, 'gebunden'; that is, several tones are produced on the same string, it being struck and released at different places, thereby lengthening or shortening the tone. The instrument was first used as a clavier about 1700—that is, as a clavichord, after that time so built that each key was with its own string, which was then called 'butte'.

...the age of the clavichord may be guessed at  
going very far astray."



## MERCANTILE AND MONEY MARKET.

## THE CUSTOMS' DUTIES RECEIVED TO-DAY WERE AS FOLLOWS:—

	1876.	1875.
Wine, still	£300,111	£312,111
Wine, sparkling	11,111	11,111
Alc. port, and beer (in wood)	11,111	11,111
Alc. port, and beer (in bottle)	11,111	11,111
Tobacco and snuff	11,111	11,111
Alc. port, and beer (in bottle)	11,111	11,111
Cigars	11,111	11,111
Bugs, unrefined	11,111	11,111
Opium	11,111	11,111
Dried fruits	11,111	11,111
Tea	11,111	11,111
Spice	11,111	11,111
Flour	11,111	11,111
Harbour and light dues	11,111	11,111
<b>Total</b>	<b>£312,111</b>	<b>£312,111</b>

The Harlow has cleared for London with 5413 bales wool, 76 bales leather, 8699 ingots tin, 689 ingots spelter dross, 1026 casks copra, 627 bales copper ore, 454 bales nickel ore, 112 casks tallow, 95 casks paraffin, and a quantity of copra.

The value of the Imports at the port of Sydney for the week ended the 9th December, 1876, amounted to £250,958, of which the principal items are:—Apparel and drapery, £34,130; brandy, £2590; boots and shoes, £5875; candles, £6427; coffee, £400; copper, £10,056; coin (silver), £900; dried fruits, £3100; flour, £8993; gold, £24,233; gin, £957; malt, £2270; nickel ore, £3262; opium, £4080; rum, £1801; rice, £1633; salt, £362; sugar, £16,987; skins and hides, £1707; tea, £15,410; tallow, £941; wheat, £3766; wool, £23,882.

The value of Exports for the same period was £210,233, of which the principal items are:—Wool, £132,231; tin (ingots), £16,461; apparel and drapery, £5101; meats (prepared), £3473; copra, £2559; leather, £2211; oilmen's stores, £2165; books and stationery, £1785; live stock, £1764; hardware, £1702; copper (ingots), £1673; coal, £1285; fruit (green), £1268; brandy, £1270; boots and shoes, £1218; cotton, raw, £1199; beer (in bottle) £732; tin (dross), £402; tobacco and cigars, £1169; tea, £1169; wine, £843; flour, £665; fish, preserved, £552; tallow, £544; oils (kerosene, black, and white), £516; fancy goods, £483; oysters, £432; hops, £392; gunnys, £390; butter, £383.

The following is the declared value of Imports and Exports weekly at the port of Sydney, from January 1 to December 9, 1876 and 1875:—

	1876.	1875.
Imports	£250,958	£250,958
Exports	£210,233	£210,233
Jan. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Feb. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Mar. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Apr. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
May 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
June 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
July 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Aug. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Sept. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Oct. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Nov. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
Dec. 1-1876	£25,000	£25,000
1875	£250,958	£250,958

The Import markets opened to-day as if business had already closed for the holidays. In brandies and breadstuffs there was increased firmness on the part of importers, with a light inquiry. The receipt from England of orders for wheat has brightened the prospects of the South Australian farmers; and, as tonnage will be easy to obtain after the busy portion of the wool season is over, we expect to hear of large shipments being cleared for Europe. The stocks here at present are trifling. Hennessy's bulk brandy is held for 10s., and an offer of 33s. was refused for a parcel of case to arrive. Holders of coffee are asking higher prices, 14d. to 14½d. is required for plantation, 11½d. to 11½d. for native. Currents are easier; 6d. is now a full price for best. There is a good trade demand for sugar at full rate. Mr. Threlkeld will sell by auction to-morrow the damaged portion of the City's tea, oilmen's stores, colonial sugars, &c.

The Stock and Share market was rather dull, with a limited number of transactions; City Bank wanted at 94, sellers at 94. Commercial had buyers at 93½, none offered; Mercantile fully paid changed hands at 93; New South Wales sold at 50½, and were offered at 50; Oriental had sellers at 48. Debentures scarce, and in demand at full rates. Insurance shares unaltered; no transactions reported, except Sydney Fire at 64½. Australian Steam Marine, sales at 17½ to 18, and held for 2s. 6d. higher. Peak Downs Copper sold at 9s. to 9s. 3d., sellers at 9s., buyers at 9s. 6d. Bulli Coal, buyers at 14, sellers at 14½; Wallend, buyers at 15, sellers at 10½; Waratah, buyers at 10, sellers at 10½. Shale Oil, buyers at 19s., sellers at 20s. 3d.

A fall in maize was the most noticeable feature of local produce market—sales of best, at 2s. 6d. to 2s. 7d.; oats, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 5d. Cheese, 6d. to 7d.; bacon, 7d. to 9d.

The London Economist, of October 21st, commenting on the effect of the position of Turkish affairs upon the English money market, says that the fall in securities had been very large considering how completely speculation had been driven out of the market. Within the previous week Consols declined 1½ and Russian bonds 10½; Turkish claims fell as low as 4½, and colonial securities did not quite escape the general depression. New South Wales, Victorian, Queensland, and South Australian debentures closed ½ per cent. low, and those of New Zealand 1½.

Measrs. J. H. Clough and Co. report by telegram from Melbourne:—Our wool sale to-day passed off with great spirit, and a large catalogue was disposed of. Prices continue very firm and high prices ruling.

The following is taken from the circular of Measrs. Pixley and Abell, dated October 19, on the transactions in bullion during the week:—

Gold: The demand for bars and coins for the continent has been sufficiently active to absorb the arrivals of the week.

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**DAY OF SALE, THURSDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> December.**

At the Stores of Mr. J. J. Gorman, 55, Clarence-street.

A large quantity of second stock, consisting of the following goods:—

Bargaining, Oil Paintings, Geographical Lithographs and Coloured Prints, Engravings, Fancy Fibres, 2 cords, tin, Confectionery Musical Boxes, Fancy Baskets, Table and Pocket Knives, Shells, Seissors Rack and Tooth Combs, Hat, Tooth and Shoe Brushes, Coat Trays, and Dressers, Looking Glasses Toilet Sets, Vases, Ornaments, figured Floor Pot Vases, Dolls, and Dollhouses, Toys, Paper Toys, Leather Goods and Cases, Jewellery Glassware Marble Clocks, Tinplate, Toys, and Necklaces Crystal Chandeliers, Bedsteads, Gas Stoves, Jewellery, Plate, Jewellery, Ear Almonds, Open and Field Glasses, Canebark Ware, Tinsware, Pure Telescopes, &c., &c.

**DUNN AND LISTER** have received instructions from Mr. J. Jagelman to sell auction, at his stores, 55, Clarence-street, on **THURSDAY** next, the 21st December, at 11 o'clock,

Every lot must be sold, and without the slightest reserve.

**DUNN AND LISTER** will sell by auction at their Rooms, Pitt-street, **THIS DAY**, The unreserved pledgees pawned with Mr. Sly, Bridge-street, as previously advertised. Cloth at 11 o'clock.

**WEDNESDAY, 20th instant, at 11 o'clock.**

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**H. VAUGHAN** has received instructions to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 145, King-street East,

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